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SUBJECT: NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY (NDU) 1978 FIELD
STUDIES PROGRAM FOR THE NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE (NWC) AND
THE INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES (ICAF),
APRIL 9-22.

REFS: (A) STATE 241218; (B) CAIRO 16783; (C) JIDDA 6998;
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1. INTRODUCTION

A. THE NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY IS CURRENTLY PLANNING
ITS INTERNATIONAL FIELD STUDIES PROGRAM DURING THE PERIOD
APRIL 9-22. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DOD GUIDANCE WHICH REQUIRES
THAT FIELD STUDIES BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO INDIVIDUAL OR

GROUP RESEARCH EFFORTS, FIELD STUDIES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN A MORE INDIVIDUALIZED MANNER THIS YEAR FOR BOTH NWC AND ICAF, THE TWO CONSTITUENT COLLEGES OF NDU. FEWER NWC AND ICAF STUDENTS WILL BE TRAVELING ABROAD THIS YEAR, TRIPS WILL BE OF SHORT DURATION, NOT MORE THAN TWO WEEKS IN LENGTH, AND CONSIST OF SMALL NUMBERS OF STUDENTS ENGAGING IN SPECIFIC LINES OF INQUIRY AND RESEARCH.

B. AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, WE SEEK MOST ECONOMICAL MEANS OF

FULFILLING PURPOSES OF FIELD STUDIES PROGRAM. OWING TO SEVERE BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS THIS YEAR, MISSIONS ARE REQUESTED TO KEEP ECONOMY FOREMOST IN MIND IN SCHEDULING AND ARRANGING FOR MINIMUM COST, ADEQUATE LODGING AND TRANSPORTATION.

2. NWC

A. ALL NWC STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL FIELD STUDIES WILL HAVE TAKEN AN INTENSIVE COURSE ON AREAS TO BE VISITED. AREA COURSES ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH UNDERSTANDING OF MAJOR STRATEGIC, MILITARY, POLITICAL, IDEOLOGICAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL TRENDS OF AREAS AS THEY AFFECT US SECURITY INTERESTS. IN ADDITION TO EXAMINING THIS BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES, EACH STUDENT IS BEING ASSIGNED ONE SPECIFIC TOPIC FOR IN-DEPTH RESEARCH
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AND STUDY, USING INFORMATION AND DATA OBTAINED DURING FIELD STUDY FOR PREPARATION OF REQUIRED ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORTS.

B. NWC STUDENTS WOULD WELCOME BRIEFINGS FROM US MISSION CHIEF OR MEMBERS OF HIS SENIOR STAFF AND WOULD ALSO BE GLAD TO MEET WITH TOP HOST COUNTRY CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING CHIEF OF STATE AND MINISTER IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE AND ADVISABLE, BUT SUCH MEETINGS ARE LEFT ENTIRELY TO THE DISCRETION OF THE MISSION. ADDITIONALLY, WE WILL REQUEST A NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS WITH WORKING LEVEL OFFICIALS TO ENABLE INDIVIDUAL OR SMALL GROUPS OF STUDENTS TO PURSUE SPECIALIZED LINES OF RESEARCH.

C. WE WILL LOOK TO MISSIONS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND COUNSEL ON BEST AND MOST CONVENIENT WAY TO ACHIEVE BROADER EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF FIELD STUDIES, ESPECIALLY IN CERTAIN HIGHLY SENSITIVE AREAS SUCH AS, FOR EXAMPLE, MILITARY STRATEGY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. A MORE DETAILED OUTLINE OF OUR SUBSTANTIVE INTERESTS IN YOUR COUNTRY WILL FOLLOW BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

3. ICAF WILL NOT VISIT ADDRESSEE POSTS THIS YEAR.

4. NWC GROUP-9 WILL CONSIST OF SEVEN STUDENTS AND ONE FACULTY MEMBER (WE DO NOT INTEND TO HAVE A SENIOR MILITARY OR DIPLOMATIC TRIP LEADER) AND WILL VISIT YOUR COUNTRIES WITH THE PLANNED FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

9 APRIL - ARRIVE TEHRAN
12 APRIL - DEPART TEHRAN FOR BAHRAIN VIA KUWAIT
13 APRIL - DEPART BAHRAIN FOR DHAHRAN
13 APRIL - DEPART DHAHRAN FOR RIYADH
16 APRIL - DEPART RIYADH FOR CAIRO (JOINS NWC-8 IN CAIRO)
22 APRIL - DEPART CAIRO FOR WASHINGTON
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5. CONTROL OFFICERS

A. REQUEST NAME, POSITION, ADDRESS AND OFFICE PHONE NUMBER OF CONTROL OFFICER DESIGNATED FOR EACH COUNTRY AND MISSION.

B. NWC FACULTY CONTROL OFFICER FOR NWC-9 WILL BE MAJOR BARD O'NEILL, USAF, TELEPHONE 202-693-8589.

6. REQUEST THAT COMMANDANT, ICAF AND COMMANDANT, NWC, BOTH WASHINGTON, D.C., BE MADE INFO ADDRESSEES ON REPLIES TO THIS MESSAGE AND THAT SUBJECT LINE OF EACH MESSAGE FOR NWC CONTAIN NWC TRIP NUMBERS; FOR EXAMPLE, NWC-9.

7. DEPARTMENT ENDORSES THESE NDU FIELD STUDIES AS INDICATED REF A. REQUEST APPROACH BE MADE TO HOST GOVERNMENT AS REQUIRED. UPON RECEIPT OF REPLIES TO THIS MESSAGE, DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH ICAF AND NWC IS AUTHORIZED WITH INFO COPIES TO STATE, JCS, AND OASD/ISA. AS A SUPPLEMENT TO MESSAGE TRAFFIC, MISSION CONTROL OFFICERS MAY UTILIZE THE NWC AUTOMATIC ANSWERING DEVICE (AREA CODE 202, NUMBER 693-1388; AUTOVON 223-1388) TO LEAVE RECORDED MESSAGES THAT ARE TIME-SENSITIVE. THIS DEVICE IS IN OPERATION TWENTY-FOUR HOURS A DAY. IT IS ROUTINELY MONITORED DURING NORMAL DUTY HOURS, AND WILL BE MONITORED DURING EXTENDED HOURS FROM 1 APRIL 1978 THROUGH THE COMPLETION OF OVERSEAS TRAVELS BY NWC PERSONNEL.

8. LETTERS WITH MORE DETAIL ON RECOMMENDED SCHEDULES WILL FOLLOW TO MISSIONS CONCERNED AFTER RESPONSES TO
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